

To Brigadier General Harrison.

We, are, Sir, with respect,

December 17th 1776

Sir, We have received your Letter by Mr. Galloway and have no manner of objection to the power you say you intend to give him to finish the Collection in Baltimore County - We have already wrote in the strongest manner to the committee of observation for that County to enquire into and endeavour to put a stop to all irregularities of the nature of which you complain. we hope it will a happy and that good order will be restored and especially as Baltimore is now becoming the seat on Congress. Should you be desirous of having any further proceedings the several facts you alledge ought to be verified by proof.

We are, Sir,

The Honorable Council of Safety.

With Honour your's &c

December 17th 1776

Sir, We have advanced two hundred and twenty odd pounds through John Yost in consequence of your Letter recommending him to us. The Guns he has ready we wish to have sent down here - there are Guns sufficient we are informed left by the Flying Camps. for those who may think proper to march to the relief of the City of Philadelphia. Should we hereafter find it otherwise we will let Colo. Murdock or yourself know it by a Line, before the militia march.

Major W^m Dickinson.

Your most ob. Ser. &c

December 19th 1776

Gentlemen, We send by Capt. Townson the commission you Col. Cokeys' Battalion agreeable to your request. We are informed by him that there is very little powder as yet in the magazine. We are of opinion it would be proper to send more up there, and request you will order it to be done when convenient, and that such powder may be removed as lies most exposed.

We are Gentlemen &c
Commissioners of observation for Baltimore County.

Annapolis December 19th 1776

Gentlemen, Your favours of 19th Nov. & 23rd of the same month from Martinique we have received. The information you have given us that all kinds of Goods and Military Stores are plenty in that place and such as to give us pleasure. We hope to receive supplies from thence, being determined to miss no opportunity that offers of throwing Cargos into your hands for that purpose, we have given to Martin and shall to every other Capt in our service, orders to proceed either to St. Lucia or Martinique as the most probable chance may offer of his or their getting in with safety. Mr. Vanbibbers private accounts thereto referred to, we have not received but should be glad of them as well as the accounts of Vanbibbers and Harrison as soon as possible and we recommend strongly to that house to furnish the Council of Safety,